

Join Us for the 8th Annual

CONFERENCE
ON
ILLINOIS HISTORY

October 12 - 13, 2006

Prairie Capital Convention Center
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum
Springfield, Illinois

Sponsored by the
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

Conference Program

Thursday, October 12

8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Registration and Continental Breakfast at the Prairie Capital Convention Center

8:30 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Southern Illinois and the Natural Environment

Moderator: Ronald S. Vasile

“The Great Easter Flood of 1913 in Illinois: The United States’ Now-Forgotten Worst National Disaster,” Trudy E. Bell, Lakewood, Ohio

“Little Egypt’s ‘House of Nature’ along with its Mines and Mineral Wealth (Other Than Oil),” Keith L. Miller, Fairfield

Civil War Memories (1)

Moderator: Kevin Murphy, Millikin University

“Illinois Civil War Volunteer Regiment Histories and Cultural Memory,” Devin H. Hunter, Pritzker Military Library, Chicago

“‘Wish I had stayed a soldiering’: An Illinois Soldier’s Post-Civil War Diary,” Zachary Wingerd, Arlington, Texas

WPA Art in Illinois

Moderator: Kathleen Thomas, Springfield

“The Politics of Art: New Deal Murals and New Deal Personalities in Illinois,” Nancy Ann Flannery, National New Deal Preservation Association

“Depression Era (New Deal) Art Projects,” Mary Emma Thompson, Westfield

John Peter Altgeld

Moderator: Robert Sampson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

“The Prescience of John Peter Altgeld: How the Pardon of the Haymarket Defendants Predicted Modern Constitutional Law,” Dennis A. Rendleman, University of Illinois at Springfield

“From Anarchist to Hero: Public Memory of John Peter Altgeld,” Deborah Sting, Chicago

TEACHER WORKSHOP: Virginia Witucke, “Juvenile Fiction on Abraham Lincoln”

10:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Sports

Moderator: Edward V. Carroll, Heartland Community College

“The Cricket Fields of Elgin,” *Christian Schock, Galesburg*

“Athletes and the Academy: UIC and the Development of an Urban Athletic Program,” *Jason Marcus Waak, University of Illinois at Chicago*

Panic and Plague in Antebellum Illinois

Moderator: Greg Olson, Jacksonville

“The Plague of 1849,” *Nancy Schumm-Burgess, Buffalo Grove*

“The Panic of 1819: Its Cause and Effects in Illinois History,” *David M. Brady, Prairie Archives, Springfield*

Science and Society in 20th-Century Illinois

Moderator: Jack Navins, Springfield

“Krebiozen: The Social Context for a Cancer Cure Tragedy,” David W. Veenstra, University of Illinois at Chicago

“Maude Bennot: Adventurer, Educator, and Scientist,” Jodi Lacy, Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum, Chicago

Education and Intellectual Freedom

Moderator: Kathryn M. Harris, ALPL

“Mortimer J. Adler’s *How to Read a Book*: Intentions and Usage in Education, 1940s and 1970s,” Tim Lacy, Loyola University

“‘Agents of Their Employers’: Carl Roden and the History of Intellectual Freedom in Chicago,” Joyce M. Latham, Onondaga County Public Library, Syracuse, New York

TEACHER WORKSHOP: Fred Walk, “Resources to Use in Your History and Geography Classroom”

NOON TO 1:30 P.M. L U N C H

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KERRY A. TRASK

Black Hawk

Kerry A. Trask is a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Manitowoc. He is the author of *Fire Within: A Civil War Narrative from Wisconsin* (which was awarded the Leslie Cross Nonfiction Award in 1996) and *In the Pursuit of Shadows: Massachusetts Millennialism and the Seven Years War*. His *Black Hawk: The Battle for the Heart of America* (2005) delves into the conflict between the prosperous Sauk Nation and envious white American settlers that led to the Black Hawk War in 1832.

You must register by October 2, 2006, to attend. See registration form

1:45 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Frontier Illinois

Moderator: James E. Davis, Illinois College

"Where on the Vermilion? Croghan, Indian Villages, and Later Historians," Kevin R. Young, Champaign

"The Women of Fort Dearborn," Jerry Crimmins, Chicago Daily Law Bulletin

Journalism

Moderator: David Blanchette, IHPA

"V. Y. Dallman: Springfield's Progressive Muckraker," Kimberly Manning Perez, Petersburg

"Little Bighorn Coverage in the Illinois Press," James E. Mueller, University of North Texas, Denton

Twentieth-Century Chicago

Moderator: Ted Hild, IHPA

"Chicago's Grant Park during the Daley Era: 1955 to 1976," Dennis H. Cremin, Lewis University

"The Golden Age of Radio in Chicago," Gwen Ihnat, Chicago

TEACHER WORKSHOP: James T. Struck, "Using Newspaper and Magazine Online Indexes for Research Topics"

3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Civil War Legacies

Moderator: Janilyn Kocher, Richland Community College

"Labor's Rebellion: The Legacy of the Civil War in the Great Railroad Strike of 1877 in Chicago," John Lloyd, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

"Louise Maertz as Seen Through Her Writings and Other Primary Sources," Arlis Dittmer, Blessing Health Professions Library, Quincy

History Sleuths

Moderator: Tom Huber, Illinois State Library

"The Land of the Lost Frenchman: Evidence for Illinois' First Land Grant," Mark Walczynski, Tonica

"The Marquette Autograph Map," Carl J. Weber, DeVry University

Economic Development

Moderator: Victor Broderick, Lincoln Land Community College

"Boosting for Belleville: The Commercial Club and the Quest to Bring New Industry to Town, 1894-1924" Robert deVries Brunkow, Belleville

"Occupational Mobility Among Italians in Chicago Heights, 1910-1930: The Development of Social Capital and Organized Crime," Louis Corsino, North Central College, Naperville

Railroads in the 1850s

Moderator: Kim Bauer, Decatur _____

"Lincoln and the Illinois Railroads: A New Look," Roger D. Billings, Jr., Northern Kentucky University

TEACHER WORKSHOP:

EVENING BANQUET

Thursday, October 12, 2006

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

5:30 P.M. **Cocktails**

6:30 P.M. **Banquet & evening speaker**

8:15 P.M. **Tour of the Museum**

*You must register by October 2 to attend the banquet. You must present your banquet ticket at the door.
See registration form.*

Speaker

JAMES GREEN

Haymarket

JAMES GREEN was born in Oak Park, Illinois, raised in a small factory town outside of Chicago, and educated at Northwestern University. He received his Ph.D. in history from Yale University in 1972 and five years later joined the faculty at the University of Massachusetts-Boston where he teaches history. Green is the author of six books on labor and social movements, including *Death in the Haymarket: A Story of Chicago, the First Labor Movement and the Bombing that Divided Gilded Age America* (2006).

Call for Papers

2007 Conference on Illinois History

Proposals for individual papers or panels on any aspect of Illinois' history, culture, politics, geography, literature, and archaeology are requested for the Conference on Illinois History. The Conference welcomes submissions from professional and avocational historians, graduate students, and those engaged in the study of Illinois history at libraries, historic sites, museums, and historical societies.

Each proposal should include a summary of the topic and a one-page resume of the participant. The summary should specify the major primary and secondary sources used in the research. Proposals should be for formal, footnoted papers. **The deadline for proposals is March 10, 2007.** Send proposals to:

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Journal Seeks Manuscripts on Illinois History

The *Journal of Illinois History* seeks manuscripts on all facets of the history of Illinois and its citizens. Contributions in social, political, economic, and cultural history are welcome, as are related midwestern and Civil War topics, the history of the Northwest Territory, and Illinois biography.

Articles for publication are carefully chosen by the editors, who solicit the comments of at least two referees. Articles are judged on their quality and depth of research, originality, significance of the subject matter, and appropriateness for this *Journal*.

Authors should follow the *Chicago Manual of Style* (15th edition) in the preparation of *Journal* manuscripts. Additional guidelines can be viewed at <http://www.state.il.us/hpa/Submit.htm> or will be sent upon request. All manuscripts must be typewritten and double-spaced, 20–25 pages in length, with footnotes appearing separately at the end of the text. Authors should submit three copies of each manuscript, and since manuscripts are refereed anonymously, the author's name should appear only on the title page.

All articles will be edited to conform to *Journal* style, and the editors may make other changes for clarity and word economy. Authors are expected to review typescripts and galleys.

Mail manuscripts to: Evelyn R. Taylor, Editor, *Journal of Illinois History*, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701-1512. For more information, call Evelyn Taylor at 217-785-7949, or email evelyn.taylor@illinois.gov.

Friday, October 13

8:00 A.M. Registration and Continental Breakfast at the Prairie Capital Convention Center

8:30 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Italians in Illinois

Moderator: Dominic Candeloro

“The Italian White Hand Society in Chicago,” Robert M. Lombardo, Loyola University

“Italian Sequential Artists,” JoAnne Ruvoli, Chicago

Illinois Families

Moderator: Gwen Podeschi, ALPL

“Jett Prairie: A Virginia Family Settles in Bond County, Illinois,” Cheryl Eichar Jett, Fairview Heights

“‘None of us were able to give the place the personal attention it needed’: A Taylorville Family as Absentee Landlords,” Glenna R. Schroeder-Lein, Springfield

Civil War Memories (2)

Moderator: Ron Keller, Lincoln College

“Joseph B. Greenhut: After the Civil War and His Commitment to the Regimental Community,” Marc Dluger, Loyola University

“The Mother Bickerdyke Monument at Galesburg, Illinois,” Barbara Schock, Galesburg

Illinois Justice System

Moderator:

“Beyond the ‘Crime of the Century’: Leopold, Loeb, and the Stateville Correspondence School,” Von V. Pittman, University of Missouri

“Constant Surveillance: The Panopticon and Warden Ragen of Joliet,” Amanda Winters, Tallula

TEACHER WORKSHOP:

10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Creating Communities

Moderator: William Siles, University of Illinois at Springfield

“Waffles, Rolle Bolle, and Johnny Deere: Moline’s Belgian Community,” Jeffrey W. Hancks, Western Illinois University, and Jared W. Reed, Western Illinois University

“The Schoolhouses of Madison County, Illinois,” Elyse D. Gerstenecker, Marine

African American Experience in 19th Century Illinois

Moderator: Erma Brooks-Williams, Chicago State University

“Re-Imagining Black Migration and Black Communities in the Midwest: Springfield, Illinois, 1850-1880,” Thomas Bahde, Chicago

“African Americans and Grand Army of the Republic in Illinois,” Timothy N. Pinnick, North Aurora

Lincoln Studies

Moderator: Wayne Temple, _____

“James Adams Pits the Opinion of Abraham Lincoln against Joseph Smith,” Susan Easton Black, Brigham Young University

“Lincoln and the Muse of Poetry,” Dan Guillory, Millikin University

Art in the Gilded Age

Moderator: Jim Huston, _____

“Mucha’s Four Seasons in Chicago,” Rolf Achilles, Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows

“Chautauqua Sublime: The Brandenberger Panorama of Danville,” Mary Peterson Zundo, Danville

TEACHER WORKSHOP: Philip A. Grant, “Illinois Political History”

NOON TO 1:30 P.M. L U N C H

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ROBERT BRAY

Peter Cartwright and Abraham Lincoln

ROBERT BRAY is R. Forrest Colwell Professor of American Literature at Illinois Wesleyan University. He has written widely on midwestern and Illinois literature, including *Rediscoveries* (1982) and *A Reader's Guide to Illinois Literature* (1985). He is the author of *Peter Cartwright, Legendary Frontier Preacher* (2005).

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1:45 P.M. TO 3:15 P.M.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Twentieth-Century Politics

Moderator: Tim Miller, _____

"Reestablishing the Party of Lincoln: Civil Rights and the New Midwestern Republicans in the 1960s," Fred W. Beuttler, U.S. House of Representatives

"The Whistle Campaign Stopped Here: Harry S Truman and Illinois in 1948," Robert E. Hartley, Westminster, Colorado

Landscape and Architectural Design

Moderator: Ed Russo, Sangamon Researchers

"Suburban Paradise: The Romantic-Style Suburbs of H.W.S. Cleveland," Nancy J. Volkman, Texas A&M University, College Station

"The Crystalline Cage: The Proto-Modern Skyscraper as a Function of Chicago's Regional Industry, 1889-1904," Thomas Leslie, Iowa State University, Ames

Walled Towns to Pre-Urban Giants: Topographical Town Scenes in Vachel Lindsay's Universe

Moderator: Dan Guillory, Millikin University

"Vachel Lindsay's Chicago," Samuel J. Rogal, Illinois Valley Community College

"Vachel Lindsay and 'Walled Towns,'" Larry Stevens

TEACHER WORKSHOP: William Moore, "Illinois Abolitionist History"

3:30 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

The Civil War Home Front

Moderator: Catherine O'Connor, IHPA

"Growth in Culture and the Refinements of Civilized Life': The Art Galleries of the 1863 and 1865 Sanitary Fairs in Chicago," Evie Savidou-Terrono, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia

"'The One Great Thing We Think and Talk Of': The Civil War Letters of an Illinois Family," Cheryl Lyon-Jenness, Western Michigan University

Abolitionists and the American Memory

Moderator: Jane Ann Moore, Owen Lovejoy Society

"The Lincoln-Douglas Debates and the Historical Education of the Civil War Generation," Sarah Klimentko Riedl, Arlington, Virginia

"Anti-Abolition Violence and Freedom of Speech in Illinois, 1835-1848," Dana E. Weiner, Northwestern University, Evanston

World War I

Moderator: Steven L. Austin, Richland Community College

"The Spirit of Woman Power: The Women's War Census of 1918," Cherié L. Weible, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

"General Abel Davis: Chicago's Own Citizen Soldier," Theresa A. R. Embrey, Pritzker Military Library, Chicago

REGISTRATION FORM

NOTE: Please indicate the sessions that you are interested in attending. Your choices are not binding; this is to help us more accurately estimate the space required for each session. Thank you.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

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10:30 - Noon:

Sports
Panic and Plague in Antebellum Illinois
Education and Intellectual Freedom
Resources to Use in Your History and Geography Classroom*

1:45 - 3:15:

Frontier Illinois
Journalism
Twentieth-Century Chicago
Using Newspaper and Magazine Online Indexes for Research Topics*

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Name(s) _____

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Additional Registrants: _____

Registration*

Number

Total

Thu. & Fri.: _____ x \$55 _____

Thursday only: _____ x \$35 _____

Friday only: _____ x \$35 _____

Student Thu. & Fri.: _____ x \$20 _____

Thursday Banquet: _____ x \$50 _____

*(includes a tour of the Abraham
Lincoln Presidential Museum)*

Thursday Luncheon: _____ x \$25 _____

Friday Luncheon: _____ x \$25 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$ _____

On-site Registration add \$5

*Registrations for the Banquet and Luncheons must be received by **October 6, 2006**. Due to limited seating, we cannot guarantee availability of tickets after this date.

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CONFERENCE FACILITIES

All sessions will meet at the **Prairie Capital Convention Center**, 1 Convention Center Plaza (which is bounded by Washington St. on the north, Adams St. to the south, and Ninth St. to the east), in Springfield. Luncheons (by reservation) will also be held at the Convention Center.

The Thursday evening banquet (by reservation) will be held at the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum** at 212 North Sixth Street.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Wednesday, October 12 & Thursday, October 13

Forty rooms have been set aside at the Hilton Springfield, 7th and Adams Streets, at \$69 single and \$84 double. Phone 217-789-1530 to make a reservation. Please inform the hotel that you are with the Conference on Illinois History when making reservations. For other accommodations and rates in Springfield, call Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-545-7300 or 217-789-2360, or visit its web site at www.visit-springfieldillinois.com.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Students of Illinois history of all ages and all walks of life who appreciate opportunities to learn in a welcoming environment with others who share an interest in the history of Illinois and its people.

Teachers with a desire to bring new perspectives and teaching techniques into their classrooms. *The conference is accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education for Continuing Professional Development Units.*

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Please turn off cell phones/pagers during sessions.

You may want to bring a sweater or jacket, as the temperature fluctuates.

A brief description of each paper will be posted at www.Illinois-History.gov/conference.htm

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